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INTRODUCTION

The City of Baraboo Park and Recreation Commission consists of seven members appointed by the City Mayor, and confirmed by the City Council. The Parks and Recreation Commission serves as an advisory group to professional staff in the City's Parks and Recreation Department. The Commission may exercise certain powers according to City statutes, with the approval of the City Council. The City Council consists of nine elected Alderpersons who direct the Park Commission to carry out adopted policies and acts on recommendations of the Commission.

This document is presented by the City of Baraboo Park and Recreation Commission to address the task of ensuring that adequate park and recreational resources are available for both present and future residents of the City. This plan recognizes that the City of Baraboo has many needs and opportunities that can best be met through planning and implementation through the involvement of residents, private recreation associations, the City Council, the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Park and Recreation Department Staff.

The City and adjacent land is home to many various natural landscape features which include bluffs, rock formations, winding river rapids, forested areas and farmland. The City lies in the middle of one of the state's top tourism destinations, and borders the state's most popular park, Devils Lake. Another state park and the Wisconsin Dells lie several miles north of the City. With many visitors, a growing population and a large number of natural resource treasures, The City needs to continue to protect and enhance local park and trail areas.

The development of this document evolved from considerations included in the City of Baraboo 2012-2016 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, Sauk County and State of Wisconsin Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans, meetings with area youth groups, residents and sports associations and goals and objectives developed by the Park and Recreation Commission. This document meets the city's requirement to be eligible for participation in State and Federal funding, and provides fundamental planning direction for future City parks and recreation issues.

Through the recommendation of this Plan, the Park and Recreation Commission hopes to enhance the quality of life in the City of Baraboo by focusing on our existing natural resources and preserving our outdoors for the continued enjoyment of our residents and visitors. This plan is considered fundamental to the achievement of that goal.



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal 1: Assure sufficient park lands and trails to meet the needs of present and future populations.

Objectives:

- Determine the “carrying (use) capacity” of existing parks;
- Formulate recommendations for the quality, quantity and location of park and recreation land needs, in conjunction with an acquisition program;
- Recommend the acquisition of land and easements for city-wide and neighborhood needs, according to its potential recreational value.

Goal 2: Design parks which balance the capacity of park areas with individual and group recreational user needs.

Objectives:

- Identify park facilities and assess the feasibility and economic possibilities of future development;
- Identify anticipated population changes as well as present and future recreational needs of citizens for individual neighborhoods and for the City;
- Make park facilities ADA accessible to the extent physically and economically feasible;
- Determine anticipated recreation program use of parks and facilities, based on present use and projected population changes;
- Acquire funding to assist in the acquisition and development of additional recreational space.

Goal 3: Develop a trail system linking schools, bike paths, parks, the Ice Age trail, and other community places of interest.

Objectives:

- Identify current and future school and park sites, Ice Age and other area trails and other places of local and regional interest;
- Develop and implement a Trails Plan coordinated with other interested groups;
- Ensure ADA compliant accessibility to the extent economically and physically feasible;
- Identify future funding sources available to enhance local and regional trails;
- Develop the Baraboo River into a regional “water trail” system with adequate access points.

Goal 4: Develop and implement City administered recreation programs designed to meet the needs of City residents.

Objectives:

- Identify recreation needs of City residents through periodic surveys and other mechanisms;
- Project future growth patterns and recreational needs;
- Identify existing recreation programs provided by school, municipal, for profit and not for profit organizations in order to avoid duplication;
- Determine the economic feasibility of each recreation program;
- Evaluate program effectiveness during and at the conclusion of each season.

Goal 5: Maximize efforts to reduce the costs of park operation and maintenance.

Objectives:

- Conduct a site analysis of existing parks to determine maintenance and operations problems which could be corrected by design or redevelopment;
- Interview operations personnel to identify excessive maintenance problems for each park;
- Recommend planning considerations for present and future parks that will reduce maintenance;
- Dispose of excess park property deemed to have little or no recreational value;
- Consult with Focus on Energy and Alliant Energy advisors on energy usage reduction methods.

PLANNING METHOD AND REGION

A. Planning Region

The City of Baraboo is located in the eastern half of Sauk County, bordered on the east by the Town of Greenfield, on the north by the Town of Fairfield, on the west by the Village of West Baraboo and Town of Baraboo, and on the south by the Town of Baraboo as shown in Map 1. Baraboo has a large and successful downtown located near the center of the community and commercial areas located mainly at the eastern entrance of the city along the Highway 33/8th Street corridor and the Highway 12 corridor along the west boundary of the City. Much of the industrial areas encompass the southwest corner of the City.

Home sites in the City are mixed with both smaller lots of less than ¼ acre as well as larger lots of ¼ acre or more. The relatively large lot size increases distances between homes, and from homes to parks, and the low density of housing development has been the trend in new subdivision developments.

The terrain of the area is generally rolling, with many steep wooded hillsides. Unique features in the City include a fast moving shallow stretch of the Baraboo River and the surrounding Baraboo Bluffs which include many natural features, most notably Devils Lake State Park and natural areas. The City contributes to the Baraboo River watershed. The Baraboo River runs through the southern portion of the City. The aerial photo maps and the City of Baraboo map show the City's Parks, Recreational Trails and Green Spaces.

Recent demographic studies and plat development activities indicate that the City's population will continue to increase. Table 3 reflects population data for the City of Baraboo in the period of 1970 - 2015.

Table 1 below reflects the change in the City's equalized value in recent years. Though decreasing annually following the Great Recession, mirroring a national trend, the City of Baraboo's equalized value has begun to increase and approach pre-recession levels.

Table 1
City of Baraboo - Equalized Value of Real Estate

Year	Equalized Value
2010	\$829,682,300
2011	\$814,544,200
2012	\$754,992,000
2013	\$753,529,400
2014	\$760,124,100
2015	\$776,843,200

B. Parkland Definitions and Standards

A variety of standards for size, location, and number of park facilities have been proposed by governmental agencies. A selected sample of these standards are shown in Table 2 below. These standards are to be used only as guidelines for the development of local plans. Topography, physical barriers, specific demands, demographics, and other conditions have been taken into consideration in the development of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan for the City of Baraboo.

Table 2 below identifies examples of standards to be used as guidelines for the acquisition and development of park facilities.

Table 2
Park Land Standards and Guidelines

COMPONENT	USE	SERVICE AREA	DESIRABLE SIZE	ACRES/1,000 POPULATION	DESIRABLE SITE CHARACTERISTIC
Mini-Park	Specialized facilities that serve a concentrated or limited population or specific group such as young children or senior citizens.	Less than ¼-mile radius	1 acre or less	.25 to .5A	Within neighborhoods and in close proximity to housing.
Neighborhood Park/Playground	Area for intense recreational activities such as field games, court games, playground apparatus area, skating.	¼ to ½-mile radius to serve a population up to 5,000	15+ acres	1.0 to 2.0A	Easily accessible to the neighborhood resident-geographically centered with safe walking and bike access.
Community Park	May include areas suited for active uses-such as athletic complexes, or areas of passive uses-such as walking, viewing, or picnicking. May be any combination of the above, depending upon site suitability and community need.	Several neighborhoods . 1 to 2 mile radius.	25+ acres	5.0 to 8.0A	May include natural features, such as water bodies, and areas for intense development. Easily accessible to neighborhood served.
Total Close to Home Space = 6.25-10.5 A/1,000					
Linear Park (Trails)	Area developed for one or more varying modes of recreational travel, such as hiking, biking, cross-country skiing. May include active play areas.	No applicable standard.	Sufficient width to protect the resource and provide maximum use.	Variable	Built or natural corridors, such as utility rights-of-way, bluff lines, and roads that link other aspects of recreational or community facilities, such as school and other park areas.
Conservancy	Protection and management of the natural/cultural environment with recreation use as a secondary objective.	No applicable standard.	Sufficient to protect the resource.	Variable	Variable, depending on the resource being protected.

Source: Roger Lancaster: *Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines*. National Recreation and Park Association.

C. Impact of Population Growth on Park and Recreation Facilities

It is important that the City continue to acquire potential parkland due to the expected future growth of Baraboo and Sauk County. The competition for potential recreational lands necessitates that local units of government, such as the City of Baraboo, and regional agencies, such as Sauk County, plan to acquire and protect these resources. Scenic hilltops, wooded areas, wetlands, and desirable parcels are attractive for development. The location of future City parks and recreation facilities must take into consideration the future growth of the area.

In addition, the City must define and implement a strategy to coordinate the development of recreational trails and green space corridors in cooperation with the county and neighboring cities, villages and towns.

Population Projections:

Table 3 reflects the population estimates and projections for the City of Baraboo. The Wisconsin Demographic Services Center estimated the City's population as 12,023 as of January 1, 2015 and projects Sauk County as the 5th fastest growing county in the state with a 25.6% increase in population from 2010-2040.

Table 3
City of Baraboo Population

Year	Population	Change	Percent Change
1970	7,931	x	x
1980	8,081	+150	1.9%
1990	9,203	+1,122	13.9%
2000	10,711	+1,508	16.4%
2010	12,048	+1,337	30.9%
2020**	12,980	+932	7.7%
2030**	14,230	+1,250	9.6%
2040**	14,450	+220	1.5%

Population Source: State of Wisconsin, Department of Administration, Bureau of Demographic Services

**Projected Population.

Table 4 shows a breakdown of the population by age group.

Table 4
Age Distribution
Source: 2010 Census

<u>Age</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 5 years	825	6.8
5 to 9 years	777	6.4
10 to 17 years	1,283	10.6
18 to 29 years	1,915	15.9
30 to 49 years	3,321	27.6
50 to 69 years	2,441	20.3
70 & over	1,486	12.3

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

A. Overview

The City of Baraboo's outdoor recreation needs have been determined by demographics, available land, demand for facilities and services, survey results and future development and growth projections. This evaluation has resulted in identifying needs relating to park facilities, recreation programs, trails, and other considerations. While various definitions and standards outlined earlier have been used as a guide, every effort has been made to ensure the unique needs of the City of Baraboo are represented accurately.

Table 5 below indicates the number of new home building permits issued by the City of Baraboo in the period of 2010-2015. The City enforces a parkland dedication ordinance that generates Segregated Parks Fees and adds parkland to the City when new development occurs. The post-recession decline in new construction mirrored the national slowdown on new home construction, and followed a large boom in construction nationally (as well as locally) in 2003-2005. New home permits have rebounded somewhat over the last 3 years.

Table 5
New Home Permits 2010 – 2015

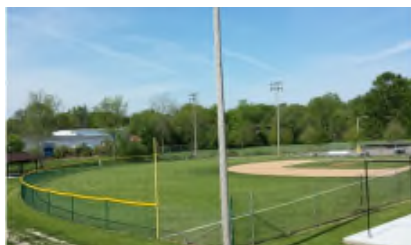
Year	# of Permits
2010	6
2011	3
2012	6
2013	16
2014	10
2015	15

B. Community Survey

In the summer of 2016, the City of Baraboo offered an online survey to City residents seeking information regarding City park and recreation programs and facilities. The survey was promoted through the City Newsletter (distributed to City households) as well as on the City website, both City and Parks Department Facebook pages and through several local newspaper notices. Additionally, e-mails were sent to current recreation participants notifying them of the survey link. A total of 195 responses were received from which reflects about 4% of city households. The final results of the survey are summarized in Appendix A.

The survey also sought to assess respondent satisfaction with existing programs, facilities and opportunities. Over 94% reported they were very satisfied or satisfied with the direction and performance of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

Over 76% responded they were very satisfied or satisfied with the Civic Center. Those who were not satisfied noted the considerable improvements made over the past several years, but felt money may have been better spent on a new facility with more gymnasium space. The main complaints were the condition of the locker rooms, which were remodeled in the summer of 2016 (many respondents were unaware that remodeling was going on at the time of the survey).



Over 77% responded they were very satisfied or satisfied with the amount of parks and park facilities in the City. Of those who responded negatively, the most common answer was more open restroom hours and more passive use (conservancy) facilities for walking, birdwatching, etc. The 26-acre Maxwell-Potter Conservancy was added in 2015 and an arboretum dedicated in 2016, one of the few municipal arboretums in the state.

Over 92% of respondents were very satisfied or satisfied with the Ochsner Park Zoo. Many noted considerable improvements in exhibits and programming over the last few years. Completion of the River Otter exhibit as well as additional expansion of the zoo were noted as most needed in the zoo.

Over 85% responded that they were very satisfied or satisfied with Forestry programming in the City. The majority were happy with the amount and condition of trees in the City. Support of urban forestry programs continues to be a priority for many residents.

Just over 60% noted they were very satisfied or satisfied with Recreational programming in the City. Of those reporting negatively, many noted a need for improved supervision of the programs that are currently offered. Others noted a need for additional enrichment-type programming. Overall comments were mainly happy with the amount of programs available, but wanted to see better quality in instruction. Many comments also noted the need for better social media presence and more communication regarding program offerings.

The ADA improvements made on City park facilities over the past several years seems to have made a difference as only 3 people claimed they had an ADA limitation in a City park., however no comments were included as to where those limitations were. Staff has made removal of ADA barriers a priority when dealing with facilities, many of which were installed well before federal ADA compliance regulations. The City of Baraboo has done an exceptional job converting existing recreational facilities to comply with ADA regulations recently.



30% of respondents would like to see the restrooms in parks open longer, however most did not want to pay more to have staff available to open them on nights or weekends. Still, with so many tourists on the Riverwalk and in parks, the lack of open restrooms (with the exception of Ochsner Park which is open on nights and weekends) after hours is one of the biggest requests for improvements.

Nearly 65% of respondents said that new exhibits at the Zoo should be paid for by a combination of donations and taxes. Currently, new exhibits are paid for by donations only with taxes being used for operating expenses (wages, animal feed, vet bills, utilities, operating supply). Another 43% suggested that area businesses don't do enough to support the Zoo, which many benefit from as more people are drawn to the area.

89% of respondents rated City park playgrounds in satisfactory condition. Only 2 people (1%) said they were in poor condition (the remainder answered "not sure").

74% rated City park restrooms in satisfactory condition. 9% rated them in poor condition. Several noted that restrooms were generally kept clean and were accessible, but were dated and in need of an update.

88% of respondents indicated they walk regularly, 53% said they bike regularly and 45% said they walk dogs regularly, confirming the high ranking of the Riverwalk.

The top 3 wishes included : 73% wanted to see Riverwalk expansion, 63% wanted to see expansion of the zoo and 56% wanted to have better access to recreation activities on the Baraboo River, including a place to rent canoe/kayak equipment. Interestingly, 54% indicated that the City should develop a new splashpad, either at the existing swimming pool or in another park, which was the 4th highest rated project.

Highest priorities identified from the survey are the following (in order of ranked importance):

- 1) Riverwalk continued development/expansion
- 2) Ochsner Park Zoo expansion and facility improvements
- 3) Baraboo River access and recreational opportunities
- 4) New splashpad
- 5) Improved recreation programming

It is important to view the results of any survey as primarily an indicator of trends rather than concrete evidence to be acted upon without further evaluation.

In addition to the community survey, privately run sports/activity clubs who reserve City park facilities were invited to a special meeting in which requests were taken and ideas discussed on improving facilities for their programs. Over 95% of local private sports/activity clubs participated in this planning session.

The following requests were made by these co-sponsored recreational organizations:

- ✓ Pierce Park Pavilion (BYHA & Roller Derby) = bleachers, HVAC, exterior wall replacement, roof repairs
- ✓ Steinhorst Park (BSC & Ultimate Frisbee) = lighting, parking expansion, field #3 drainage, additional field space/expansion
- ✓ Statz Park (BABA) = dugout replacements, lighting, additional bleachers
- ✓ Mary Rountree Evans Park (Baraboo Legion, BABA & Baraboo School District) = seating area renovation
- ✓ Campbell Park Swimming Pool (Riptide Swim Team) = bathroom improvements, south gate, new storage shed
- ✓ Pierce Park (Baraboo Thunder & Baraboo High School) = Field #5 development, Field #4 lighting, parking expansion/improvements
- ✓ Lower Ochsner Park (BALA) = new storage shed
- ✓ Riverwalk (Kiwanis) = new bridge and east expansion through Maxwell-Potter Conservancy
- ✓ Campbell Park Skatepark (Local Skateboarders) = remove wood ramps, build new concrete ramps
- ✓ Zoo (FOBZ) = complete River Otter Exhibit
- ✓ Baraboo River Corridor (Canoe Club & others) = kayak launches, fishing access, improve water quality

C. Bicycle Safety

The issue of bicycle safety needs to be addressed at several community levels. Local safety personnel (police) often times take on the lead role, assisted by schools who have many bicycle users. The City Parks and Recreation Department has a large role as well with its trail system. The main concern for bike safety is the safe access to parks, schools and area recreation facilities.

The trend in residential development has been for larger home sites located in subdivisions at the edge of populated communities. Car and truck traffic has increased significantly as a result of these development activities. In many cases, inadequate space for bicycles and pedestrians have been planned for in connecting these new subdivision with places of interest, including schools and parks, that a resident can access without the use of an automobile.

Many of these subdivisions have significant numbers of children. They have limited transportation options. The addition of bike lanes on or adjacent to reconstructed state, city or county roads is a priority when new roadways are being planned.

The following routes have been identified as potential bicycle safety hazards and require evaluation and potential future improvement to allow for bike lanes or crossings:

- State Highway 33 (8th St./8th Ave.)
- County Highway T (8th St. to City View Rd.)
- State Highway 113 (Water St.)
- US Highway 12

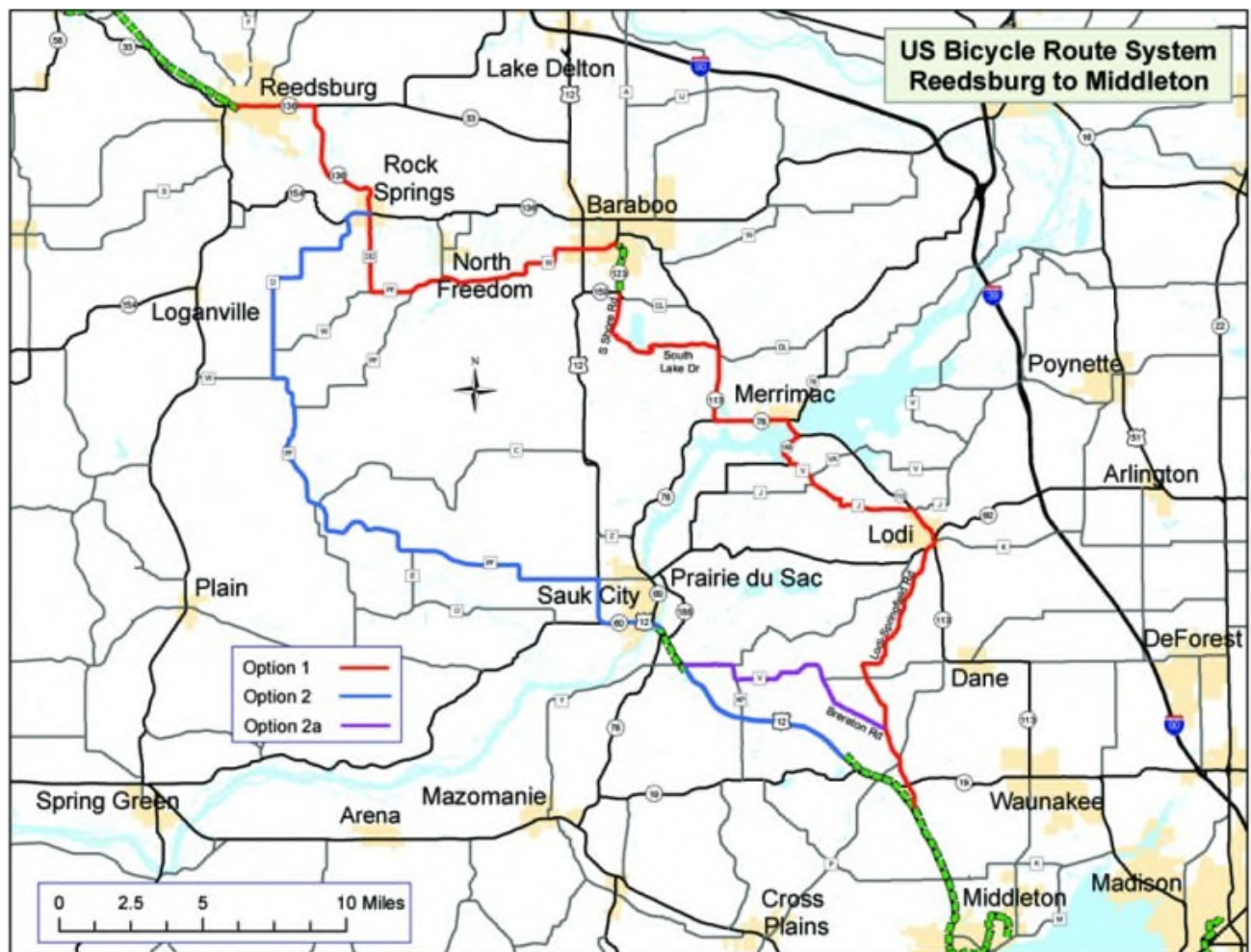
The ongoing planning of the Baraboo Riverfront Corridor along with the completion of the Circus World to Effinger trail segment has addressed many of the issues along Water Street. The relocation of US Hwy 12 on the western boundary of the City has taken into account the issue with a bicycle crossing at Terrytown Rd. Also, recent upgrades on South Boulevard have added space for bike lanes. Additional crossings and adjacent bike routes should be developed and promoted.

The Parks and Recreation Commission formed a Bike Sub-committee in 2015 which has begun to address many bike improvements, with the goal of becoming a “Bicycle Friendly Community” in the near future. In addition, staff has continued to work with state and national organizations on including Baraboo on the US Bike Route 30 plans and with the Sauk County on inclusion on the Great Sauk Trail route.

Recommendations: The cost of street or trail construction and maintenance combined with limited financial resources makes this a difficult issue to resolve. The following recommendations should be considered as long-term solutions:

- Target the short segments most in need of improvement as the first priority;
- Seek design and funding assistance from Federal, State and County sources;
- Target specific lands for acquisition of additional right-of-way or easements as development occurs;
- Continue to work with Sauk County and the state on plans to extend the Great Sauk Trail to Baraboo;
- Continue work to develop the City of Baraboo as a national “Bicycle Friendly Community”;
- Continue to pursue inclusion on national USBR 30;
- The Parks and Recreation Commission should stay informed and involved with any local road construction projects to ensure that bike routes are being considered when possible.

The proposed USBR 30 route is planned to include the City of Baraboo. The route is part of a national system of bike “interstate” routes connecting communities and places of interest. The section traversing Wisconsin from Milwaukee to LaCrosse is an important link in the middle of USBR 30, and the Baraboo region, sitting at approximately the midway point, is seen as an important needed connection for the route. The map below shows options under consideration, with a preference for option 1 (in red). The Baraboo City Council adopted a resolution in 2016 supporting this route and bring USBR 30 into the City of Baraboo, and has pledged support to work with state leaders to pursue this project.



EXISTING RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

A. General Overview

Locations of existing parks and recreation areas are shown on Map 1. Park service areas are often reviewed to provide easy access to facilities for each neighborhood.

B. City Owned Park and Recreation Facilities

Mini Parks

➤ **Kiwanis Park** *Water Street*

This park (1.8 acre) includes a gazebo, benches overlooking the river rapids, access to Riverwalk, fishing access, overlook area, grill and picnic tables.

➤ **Nanny Park** *5th Avenue & Oak Street*

This downtown park (.15 acre) added in 2010 serves as a rest stop for busy shoppers and includes benches, a picnic table, drinking fountain and playground equipment.



➤ **Ritzenthaler Park** *12th Street & Barker Street*

This small park area (.67 acre) has a basketball court, drinking fountain, gazebo, ADA path, swingset, monkey bars, picnic tables, 2 play structures and is surrounded by residences.

Neighborhood Parks

➤ **City View Park** *Parkview Drive & 19th Street*

This park (5.68 acres) added in 2009 includes a picnic shelter, drinking fountain, playground equipment, open field play area and picnic tables. An interpretive trail was added around the 2 acre pond in 2015. The trail includes a StoryWalk feature added in 2016 through a partnership with the public library. Benches are located along the trail and an ADA fishing pier and basketball court are planned for future improvements.

➤ **Langer Park** *4th Street & Remington Street*

This park (3.21 acres) contains an open field play area with backstop, swingsets, play structure, parking lot, junior soccer/football field, winter ice skating rink, picnic tables, picnic shelter, indoor warming house, restrooms and basketball court.

➤ **Hoppe Felts Park** *Madison Avenue*

Included in this (3.5 acre) park is a basketball court, climbing structure, drinking fountain, gazebo, swingset, sand volleyball court, picnic tables, play structure and an open play area.

➤ **Statz Park** *1st Avenue & Broadway*

Statz Park (3.13 acres) received a new name and major facelift in 2011. The park includes Riverwalk access, parking lot, baseball field, bleachers, restrooms, picnic shelter, batting cages, grill, play equipment and a drinking fountain. Future improvements include a canoe/kayak launch offering a restroom stop along the river and access to downtown.

➤ **Weber Park** *Elm Street & Grove Street*

This older park (1.8 acres) contains a basketball court, gazebo, play structure, swingset, open play area, picnic tables and a winter ice skating rink.

Community Parks

- **Attridge Park** *2nd Avenue*
This park (11.09 acres) includes a parking lot, basketball court, open field play area, 4 lighted sand volleyball courts, historic pedestrian bridge, community garden, storage building, picnic tables, access to the Riverwalk and play equipment. Future improvements include a picnic shelter with restrooms.
- **Campbell Park** *South Boulevard*
This multi-use park (4.67 acres) includes a bathhouse with restrooms, outdoor lighted swimming pool with drop slides and diving boards, zero depth wading pool, picnic shelter, drinking fountain, swingset, play structure, 2 parking lots (128 stalls), picnic tables, skate park, 4 lighted tennis courts and 4 Quickstart tennis courts, added in 2011.
- **Mary Rountree Evans Park** *2nd Avenue & Park Street*
This award-winning athletic park (13.91 acres) includes a lighted baseball diamond, batting cages, bleachers, concession stand, drinking fountain, open play area, large parking lot, picnic shelter, picnic tables, access to Riverwalk, restrooms, scorers booth and storage building.
- **Steinhorst Park** *15th Street & Parkgate Drive*
This newer park (15.5 acres) has a drinking fountain, swingset, play structure, picnic shelter, picnic tables, storage shed, open play area, 4 soccer fields, 2 parking lots, restrooms, and sledding hill. Future improvements include an additional picnic shelter, basketball court and additional play equipment.
- **Ochsner Park** *8th Avenue & Park Street*
Baraboo's first park (25.98 acres), dedicated in 1918, includes walking paths, access to Riverwalk, access to fishing, drinking fountains, play structures, swing sets, grill, 1,800 square foot brick house, maintenance building, storage buildings, parking lot, picnic tables, 3 picnic shelters, restrooms, open play areas, backstop, a 2 acre zoo open, mature oak trees and nature viewing areas.
- **Pierce Park** *Walnut Street*
Another large park (25.99 acres) that contains 4 softball fields (3 which are lighted), 2 batting cages, bleachers, concession stand, drinking fountain, swing set, play structure, parking lot, maintenance building, storage building, 26,000 square foot hockey pavilion, picnic tables, 2 picnic shelters, restrooms and open play areas. Future improvements include a 5th softball field (construction started 2016), additional restrooms and a basketball court, as well as improvements to the parking lot and pavilion.

Special Use Areas

- **Civic Center** *1st Street & Ash Street*
The Civic Center (2.5 acres) is a 56,000 square foot, four story building built in 1927. Included are City Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department offices, Boys and Girls Club of South Central Wisconsin, Senior Citizens Center, meeting rooms, storage rooms, weight room, fitness room, locker rooms, restrooms and an indoor basketball court/gymnasium. Additional space is rented out to tenants for office space. A \$1 million renovation was completed in 2011 replacing several windows, lighting and HVAC/electrical equipment. Another \$250,000 renovation project was completed in 2014 to replace the roof and tuck point the exterior. \$120,000 was added to renovate the locker rooms in 2016, providing ADA accessibility. Many ADA improvements have been made over the past 5 years.
- **Deppe Recreation Area** *Lake Street*
This special use park (3.9 acres) includes an ADA fishing pier, 1 acre fishing pond, picnic tables, gazebo and grill. This is one of two parks in the City that allows dogs.

- **Pat Liston Dog Park** *Hill Street & Mill Race Road*
This park (2.2 acres) was created in 2010 and includes a fenced in dog exercise area with benches, picnic tables, drinking water and dog agility equipment. Off street parking is available. The dog park is located at the end of the Baraboo Riverwalk.
- **Ochsner Park Zoo** *Park Street & Zoo Lane*
This small fenced in zoo (2 acres) includes restrooms, concession stand, drinking fountain, office building, storage buildings and exhibits including monkey, black bear, llama, timber wolf, snowy owl, ruffed leg hawk, deer, bobcat, goat, pig, pheasant, owl, chicken, prairie dog and lynx. A river otter exhibit is planned for completion in 2017. Future improvements include expansion to allow for deer yard improvement and new fencing, entrance gates and signage.
- **Maxwell-Potter Conservancy shelter** *Manchester Street & Mill Race Road*
This former Water Department pumping station (2.5 acres) was acquired by the Parks Department in a conversion of the Woolen Mill property to the Sauk County Historical Society. The site includes a historic building converted into a large picnic shelter with restrooms in 2016. The restored building includes historic signage telling the story of the Baraboo River and development of the area. A future canoe/kayak pier is being planned at the site to allow for better access to/from the river. The shelter is connected to the Baraboo Riverwalk system and adjacent to the City Arboretum.
 
- **Baraboo Arboretum at Maxwell-Potter Conservancy** *Hill Street*
This (7 acre) arboretum was dedicated in 2016 and includes a trail through a natural forest, playground equipment, butterfly gardens, parking lot and soon will include formal tree plantings with interpretive signage and a gazebo. Educational workshops will take place here in the future. Additional benches will be added as donations allow.

Natural Area, Conservancy and Green Space Preservation Areas

- **Maxwell-Potter Conservancy** *Hill Street & Mill Race Drive*
City staff received a grant to purchase this (27 acre) natural parcel in 2014. This Conservancy includes the Dog Park, historic shelter (former pumping station), the Arboretum and acres of former wetlands. The Conservancy includes access to the Riverwalk, access to fishing and many opportunities for bird watching and wildlife viewing. Future improvements include a kayak launch/fishing pier, additional wildlife paths, Riverwalk extension through the Van Zelts Island/Spirit Point property and a pedestrian bridge connecting the conservancy and Riverwalk to the Circus World area.
- **Hackett Hollow Conservancy** *14th Street near Elizabeth Street*
This (1.35) lot is heavily populated by trees of various species was acquired by a grant in the 1960's. The lot has remained largely undeveloped through the years.
- **City Forest** *Terrytown Road & US Highway 12*
This former school forest (32 acres) was given to the City in 2003. The heavily forested area consists of a variety of plant species, with over 90% red and white pine. As it is located along a very busy commercial area which threatens the wildlife contained within it, future relocation considerations should be made to maintain a high quality forest. Alternatively, the location of the forest near UW-Baraboo/Sauk County allows an opportunity for educational programming.

In addition, the City of Baraboo has several parcels of land that are maintained by the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department. However, because of size, terrain or location, most of these parcels are not developable as places for traditional parkland. The parcels consist mainly of steep, wooded hillsides and ravines, or narrow outlots. Most of the parcels are too small to be of significant value.

- **Barringer Greenway** (.11 acre)
- **Grotophorst Greenway** (.31 acre)
- **Hollenbeck Greenway** (.11 acre)
- **Myron Greenway** (2.38 acres)

C. Privately Owned Facilities In the City of Baraboo

- **Baraboo County Club** *Walnut Street*
This privately owned Country Club (88.9 acres) offers an 18-hole golf course with public access. The clubhouse area is open to the public.

D. School Facilities in the City of Baraboo

- **East Elementary School** (publicly owned) 6.35 acres includes basketball court, playground equipment, ball diamond, open play area
- **GLW Elementary School** (publicly owned) 5.5 acres includes basketball court, playground equipment, open play area
- **Al Behrman Elementary School** (publicly owned) 10 acres includes basketball court, playground equipment, ball diamond, open play area
- **West Elementary School** (publicly owned) 1.9 acres includes playground equipment, ball diamond, open play area
- **Middle & Senior High School campus** (publicly owned) 51.49 acres includes baseball diamond, softball diamond, football field, soccer field, tennis courts, track, bleachers, open play area
- **UW Baraboo/Sauk County campus** (publicly owned) 64.9 acres includes nature trail, disc golf course, tennis courts, soccer field, open play area
- **St. John's Elementary School** (privately owned) 2.12 acres includes basketball court, playground equipment, baseball field, open play area
- **St. Joseph's Elementary School** (privately owned) .5 acres includes basketball court, playground equipment, open play area

Table 6
Summary of Available Parklands

	Total Parks	Mini Parks	Neighborhood Parks	Community Parks	Greenways/ Conservancies
National Standard for Park Acres Per 1000 Population	9.5	.1 - .3	1.5 – 2.0	5.0 – 8.0	1
Baraboo Park Acres Per 1000 Population	12.5	.23	1.45	8.1	3

Table 7
Summary of Available Recreation Facilities

	Basketball Courts	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Courts	Baseball/Softball Fields	Soccer/Football Fields	Ice Skating Rinks	Ice Hockey Rinks
National Standard per 12000	3	6	3	4	4	1	.4
City of Baraboo	6	8	5	6	5	2	1

	Swimming Pools	Trails (miles)	Community Centers	Playgrounds	Skate Park	Picnic Shelters	Dog Parks
National Standard per 12000	.75	5.25	.75	10	.5	6	.5
City of Baraboo	1	4	1	13	1	17	1

The NRPA standards above should only be used as a guide against what the average similar sized community might have. It should be noted that all communities and regions differ in climate, demographics and population desires, as well as neighboring community facilities. For example, the City of Baraboo is located 1 mile from Devil's Lake State Park, which offers many miles of trails that complement the City's trails. A more important comparison is what the City currently offers vs. what residents would like to see more of.

The above numbers represent what facilities are offered by the City, and do not account for school district (public or private) or public college facilities that are available.



**Table 8
Park Amenities**

	Attridge	Campbell	City View	Civic Center	Deppe	Hackett Hollow	Kiwanis	Langer	Mary Hoppe Felts	Mary Rountree Evans	Maxwell-Potter	Nanny	Ochsner	Pierce	Ritzenthaler	Riverwalk	Statz	Steinhorst	Weber
Arboretum											X								
Baseball/Softball Field										X				X			X		
Basketball Court	X		X	X				X	X						X				X
Bicycle/Pedestrian Path			X				X			X	X		X			X	X		
Bird Watching			X			X	X			X	X		X			X			
Community Gardens	X																		
Fishing Access	X				X		X			X	X		X			X	X		
Ice Hockey														X					
Ice Skating								X						X					X
Pet Exercise Area					X						X								
Picnic Shelter		X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X
Playground	X	X	X					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Restrooms		X		X				X		X	X		X	X			X	X	
Sand Volleyball	X								X										
Skatepark		X																	
Sledding Area																		X	
Soccer/Football Field								X					X	X				X	
Swimming Pool		X																	
Tennis Courts		X																	
Zoo													X						

ACTION PLAN

The Parks and Recreation Commission has developed an action plan based on prior park plans of the City, requests of citizen user groups, development of the City and on recommendations of the Department of Natural Resources and other public and private groups.

A. General Recommendations

- 1) The City park, recreation, and open space planning process should be coordinated with the City's and County's comprehensive planning effort.
- 2) This CORP document should be updated to maintain constant eligibility for Federal and State funding. This updating should include reviews of needed capital improvements, parkland acquisitions, and a review of resident requests on a regular basis.
- 3) The annual cost of maintaining park facilities should be planned so as not to exceed available and future resources.
- 4) Donations of time, money, equipment and land should be encouraged from local civic, service and individuals.
- 5) The City should make maximum use of grant opportunities to help with land acquisition efforts and the development of park and recreation improvements.
- 6) The City should seek to preserve and expand facility use agreements with special interest groups, the school district and other neighboring entities concerning the use of park and recreational facilities.
- 7) When possible, in an effort to maximize open space acreage and allow for organized linear greenway connections to schools, parks and recreational areas, the City should encourage cluster development in future residential developments. In cluster development, residential streets are characterized by a compact curvilinear design and the reduction of the total area devoted to thoroughfares and individual lots, allowing for more open space acreage.

B. Trails Planning

The Trails Plan exists as a link to all of the other park, conservancy and community resources. For those who use bicycles, trails may not only serve as a recreational use, they may also serve as commuter travel to work or shopping. For those who do not have access to automobile travel, trails may be the only safe route to get from one point to another in the community.

The Parks and Recreation Department maintains the Riverwalk, a three mile stretch of asphalt that follows the Baraboo River through the heart of Baraboo, with easy access to several parks, downtown shopping district, the Civic Center, Ochsner Park Zoo, Circus World Museum, Baraboo Arboretum



and the dog park. The Riverwalk is also part of the Ice Age Trail, a 1,200 mile national scenic trail established in 1980. Current uninterrupted stretches of the Riverwalk run from the western edge of the City at Ochsner Park to 2nd Ave., from Mary Rountree Evans Park to Kiwanis Park, and from Circus World Museum to the eastern edge of the City at Maxwell-Potter Conservancy. The west end and middle sections of the trail are accessed by sidewalk, with the middle section part of planning along with the city's Riverfront Redevelopment

Project. It is important that this section remains a central part of the final riverfront design. Missing segments should be completed by acquiring easements or property to offer continuous access.

Additionally, the City continues to work with the Ice Age Trail Alliance, Wisconsin DNR and Sauk County on connecting the Baraboo segment to Devil's Lake State Park in the south and Mirror Lake State Park in the north. Continued cooperation with Sauk County to extend the Great Sauk Trail from Devil's Lake State Park to Baraboo should remain high on the City's priority list. Work with the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin to bring the USBR 30 through Baraboo should move forward.

Pursuit to adopt various bicycle facilities and programs - including designated bike lanes/routes, signage, mapping and special events – is needed to improve bicycle accessibility in the community and achieve the goal of becoming a designated “Bicycle Friendly Community”.

Other considerations should be made when new parks, school or residential developments are planned within the City. A designated City bicycle route has been recently approved and should be incorporated in the 2017-2021 planning period.

C. **Parks Planning**

It is important to consider ADA guidelines when developing any new facilities, as well as improving accessibility to existing facilities when able. The newer park additions have been able to keep up to ADA requirements, but several aging facilities will require replacement soon and when making any repairs or replacements, all efforts to provide an accessible environment should be implemented. It should be noted that the terrain of the area doesn’t always allow for required accessible slopes or access points. In these cases, it is important not to avoid protecting a natural area or providing access points to these places of interest if ADA standards cannot be met, however, a similar, alternate adjacent access point should also be provided to maximize facilities with accessibility points.

Currently, the City is providing parkland within suggested standards, however a growing population with changing needs will require additional acquisitions and developments to remain with those levels. Table 9 includes parks projects considered as priorities in the 2017-2021 planning period. Projects considered should strive to meet or exceed energy and environmental conservation standards.

D. **Special Use Area Planning**

The remote industrial location of Deppe Park, as well as potential runoff from the adjacent properties, makes the value of this park questionable as a fishing pond. Consideration should be made to move the fish to City View Park which boasts a larger pond with a lower concentration of runoff chemicals for the fish population, as well as location situated in a residential district. Alternatively, a second ADA fishing pier could be constructed at City View Park, allowing the City to provide fishing ponds more accessible to residents. If the Deppe Pond is kept as a fishing location, the pond should be drained and the accumulated sludge removed to enhance the water quality youth fishing experience.

The Civic Center has completed \$1.5 million in mechanical/structural upgrades and ADA/aesthetic improvements over the past 5 years. Those upgrades have resulted in a noticeable utility savings as well as a marked increase in use by the public. The improvements have also lead to the facility being designated as the City Emergency Shelter, School District Reunification Center and Election Polling Location for the entire City. In addition to creating more revenues through greater use, many non-revenue producing uses have assisted with massive improvement in public services and safety.

The Liston Dog Park continues to receive consistent heavy use ever since its 2010 opening. The City will need to continue to monitor the use and consider expansion to avoid overcrowding. Currently, the park accommodates users at near capacity, however any growth will necessitate consideration of additional facilities. The size of Baraboo could warrant a second dog park in the future, preferably in an opposite corner of Baraboo to allow for better accessibility.



The new Maxwell-Potter Conservancy shelter area presents a great opportunity as a “gateway” to the City for Ice Age Trail users as well as those travelling the canoe trail on the river. The historic building recently received major renovations to be used as a shelter with restrooms. The entire area presents 27 acres of prime recreational lands with adjacent high quality wetlands. These special use areas were combined to provide a large Community Park with multiple special uses focused on birdwatching, canoeing, pet exercise, walking, biking and enjoying nature. Table 9 includes special use area projects considered as priorities in the 2017-2021 planning period.

The Baraboo Arboretum was dedicated in 2016 at Maxwell-Potter Conservancy. This land has been planned for both formal and informal trails and gardens for education and recreation. The first phase of the Arboretum was started in 2016 and included an interpretive trail, butterfly garden, and formal tree plantings. Future phases should be made a priority to include interpretive signage, tree plantings, benches and additional nature trails. Forestry staff is planning future educational sessions and special events and continues to work with the Baraboo Range Preservation Association and others on improving this attraction. Future considerations to expand this arboretum should be pursued.

The Ochsner Park Zoo continues to rank high among both residents and visitors. The 2 acre zoo is in the final stage of its current master plan, which will culminate with the construction of the River Otter exhibit, scheduled for 2017. Staff has begun working on a new master plan, which will include zoo expansion to the north to add an additional 1.5 acres and provide an improved deer habitat. Additionally, new perimeter fencing, entrance gates and signage are needed to complete the zoo aging problems. Special events and educational programming has been added over the last 3 years which has increased annual visits to over 35,000. These events should be continued to maintain the zoo's new function as an educational attraction. The City should embrace the zoo's new mission of Conservation and Education to ensure the zoo remains as a preferred destination in Baraboo.



The Pierce Park Pavilion serves as the indoor hockey rink for area youth and school groups, and a successful public-private partnership along with support from the Wisconsin DNR has allowed the facility to meet the needs of many winter recreation enthusiasts. The building is nearly 25 years old and has received very little attention or improvements since then. As this facility was constructed with assistance from federal and state grant sources, it will be important to continue to work with those agencies on any future improvements. The facility is required to be used for public recreation purposes, and must make use available for the general public, which the City does by offering public skating during the fall and winter months on Sundays, during school winter breaks and during the Parks Department's Winterfest celebration. Additionally, during spring and summer months, the facility is available to the public for rentals. Consideration should be made on improving ventilation/HVAC during summer months and wall/ceiling insulation to provide for better use during the summer months and energy efficiency all year. Exterior wall replacement, HVAC and insulation are seen as the top priorities to maintain the facility for another 25 years.



The Campbell Park Swimming Pool has served the community for 80 years, and while several additions and improvements have been made over those years, the main bath house and lap pool have remained mostly unchanged. Patching and painting of the lap pool every 5 years has maintained the aesthetics and regular maintenance and replacement of the mechanical system has occurred annually to keep the aging pool open. The older lap pool does not have zero depth accessibility, however the newer wading pool does. That area is about half the size of what is needed to accommodate patrons and should be considered for future expansion. The grassy berm inside the pool fence adjacent to the wading pool should be removed and replaced either with a concrete deck with chaise loungers or an expanded wading pool with spray features. A splashpad ranked high on the recent community survey, and should be given consideration either here or in another park.

E. Property Acquisition

At times, property acquisition is needed to link facilities or complete projects. Property acquisition should be considered when demand warrants to serve a growing population, change in use patterns or to create links or efficiency in services. The City needs to annually evaluate opportunities to improve and expand the park system, however consideration of future staffing and budget impacts must be discussed. While donations of land or land improvements using such funding sources as grants and park impact fees is seen as an affordable way to improve the park system without requesting additional taxes, most of these additions and improvements create the need for additional staff hours or operating budget dollars. Although these decisions must be weighed, it is also important to note that many acquisitions and land improvements do offer the opportunity to maintain areas more efficiently, offer additional recreational facilities and occasionally increase revenues to offset the added expense.

Properties to consider as potential future acquisitions include five residential lots along 2nd Avenue that have property along the Baraboo River. Those properties currently serve as a barrier between the west section of the Riverwalk and the rest of the Riverwalk through Baraboo. Either the entire property or easements should be purchased and with the Riverwalk extended from its current dead end in Mary Rountree Evans Park to the other dead end across 2nd Avenue in Lower Ochsner Park. This area of the Riverwalk has been noted by visitors and residents as “confusing” and difficult to traverse when navigating the Riverwalk.



Acquisition of 5 commercial lots along Water Street and the Baraboo River between Kiwanis Park and Ash Street would also greatly improve the area by maintaining the walk along the River rather than diverting to sidewalks in the commercial district. This would also be a benefit to future Riverwalk planning as it crosses the river to the south side and connects to the future City Hall. Additionally, the Riverwalk should continue north to connect to the Civic Center and downtown businesses/Courthouse Square.

Another area of property acquisition to be considered is four residential properties located on Badger Drive which are adjacent to the outdoor swimming pool in Campbell Park. Adding the properties would allow for a needed parking lot improvements as well as better pedestrian access to the Badger Drive neighborhood. Additionally, the planned improvement of adjacent Myron Park as a sculpture park will likely attract more users which in turn will require better access and additional parking off the busy South Boulevard.



**Table 9
FIVE YEAR ACTION PLAN**

The following action plan is a five year guide for capital improvements of the Baraboo Park system. As with the previous plans, implementation depends largely on availability of funds through the budget process and other sources.

2017			
Project	Site	Budget	Other
New River Otter Exhibit (zoo)	Ochsner Park	25,000	335,000
Bleacher/Seating Area Renovations	Mary Rountree Evans Park	3,000	3,000
New Parking Lot (at shelter)	Maxwell-Potter Conservancy	10,000	10,000
Office/Restroom Renovations (zoo)	Ochsner Park		25,000
New Storage Building	Community Services Center	50,000	
Canoe/Kayak Launch	Maxwell-Potter Conservancy		50,000
Tree planting & interpretive signage	Maxwell-Potter Conservancy		16,000
TOTALS		88,000	447,000
2018			
New Basketball Court	Steinhorst Park		10,000
Riverwalk Extension & Bridge	Maxwell-Potter Conservancy	80,000	320,000
Commercial Kitchen Renovations	Civic Center	42,500	127,500
Dugout Replacement	Statz Park		4,000
New skatepark ramps	Campbell Park		4,000
TOTALS		122,500	465,500
2019			
New Storage Shed (swimming pool)	Campbell Park		8,000
Dredge Fishing Pond	Deppe Park		30,000
New Restrooms	City View Park	35,000	35,000
Expand Parking Lot (lower)	Ochsner Park		24,500
New ADA Fishing Pier	City View Park		22,000
New Wading Pool Patio (swimming pool)	Campbell Park		12,500
New Phone System	Civic Center	12,000	
New Picnic Shelter/Restrooms	Attridge Park	45,000	45,000
Replace Perimeter Fencing (zoo)	Ochsner Park	20,000	60,000
New Challenge Playground	Mary Hoppe Park		20,000
TOTALS		122,000	257,000
2020			
Pierce Park Pavilion HVAC	Pierce Park	15,000	30,000
New Splashpad	Attridge Park or Downtown		175,000
Parking Lot Expansion & New Path	Steinhorst Park		40,000
New Playground Equipment	Ritzenthaler Park		15,000
Arboretum Phase 2 Trail & Bridge	Maxwell-Potter Conservancy		45,000
Parking Lot Addition	Attridge Park	28,000	
New Gazebo (arboretum)	Maxwell-Potter Conservancy		15,000
New Playground Equipment	Langer Park		20,000
Oak Street Overlook Construction	Kiwanis Park	75,000	
TOTALS		118,000	340,000
2021			
Parking Lot Improvements	Pierce Park	25,000	25,000
New Ballfield Lighting (fields 4/5)	Pierce Park	25,000	100,000
New Picnic Shelter & Field #4 Lighting	Steinhorst Park		115,000
Replace Playground Equipment	Weber Park	22,000	
Replace Ballfield Lighting	Statz Park	30,000	30,000
New Canoe/Kayak Landing	Statz Park	15,500	
New Playground Equipment	Campbell Park		30,000
New Shelter/Concessions (fields 4/5)	Pierce Park		45,000
TOTALS		117,500	345,000

FUNDING PLAN

While the implementation of different aspects of this plan are contingent on available funding, both internal (budget, impact fees, staffing) and external (grants, donations, volunteers), adoption of the CORP is to be understood as a “roadmap” to guide the City in park and recreation development. With this in mind, the Parks and Recreation Commission has selected the following items to be considered as priorities.

A. **Priority Projects (*in order of importance*):**

- 1) Continue the development of the Riverwalk to coincide with Sauk County and IAT Plans.
- 2) Finish the Ochsner Park Zoo renovation plan.
- 3) Continue development of the Maxwell-Potter Conservancy area and Arboretum.
- 4) Promote the Baraboo River as a local water trail to attract users.
- 5) Pursue possible splashpad sites and funding.
- 6) Improve cyclist routes in the City and pursue Bicycle Friendly Community status.
- 7) Continue renovations of the Civic Center.
- 8) Continue the upgrades to Pierce Park facilities.
- 9) Provide for additional athletic facilities as the need requires.
- 10) Provide upgrades as needed for the Campbell Park swimming pool.

B. **Funding Plan**

The Parks and Recreation Commission recommends the lowest cost approach to funding park projects by following these guidelines:

- 1) Acquire land through developer dedications or cash donation in lieu of land.
- 2) Acquire and develop parkland with County, State and Federal matching funds.
- 3) Encourage landowners adjacent to City parks to donate lands.
- 4) Encourage resident participation in planning and implementation of neighborhood parks.
- 5) Encourage Friends organizations such as The Friends of the Baraboo Zoo to assist in fundraising and grant writing opportunities.
- 6) Effective and thorough planning to eliminate waste and to increase utilization.
- 7) Cooperative planning/programming through neighboring municipalities and local businesses and organizations.

Maintenance of all parks and facilities will be funded from the City’s general fund. Developer fees collected in lieu of parkland will be utilized for capital improvements in the high priority projects in the area of which the development took place.

UPDATES AND ANNUAL REVIEWS

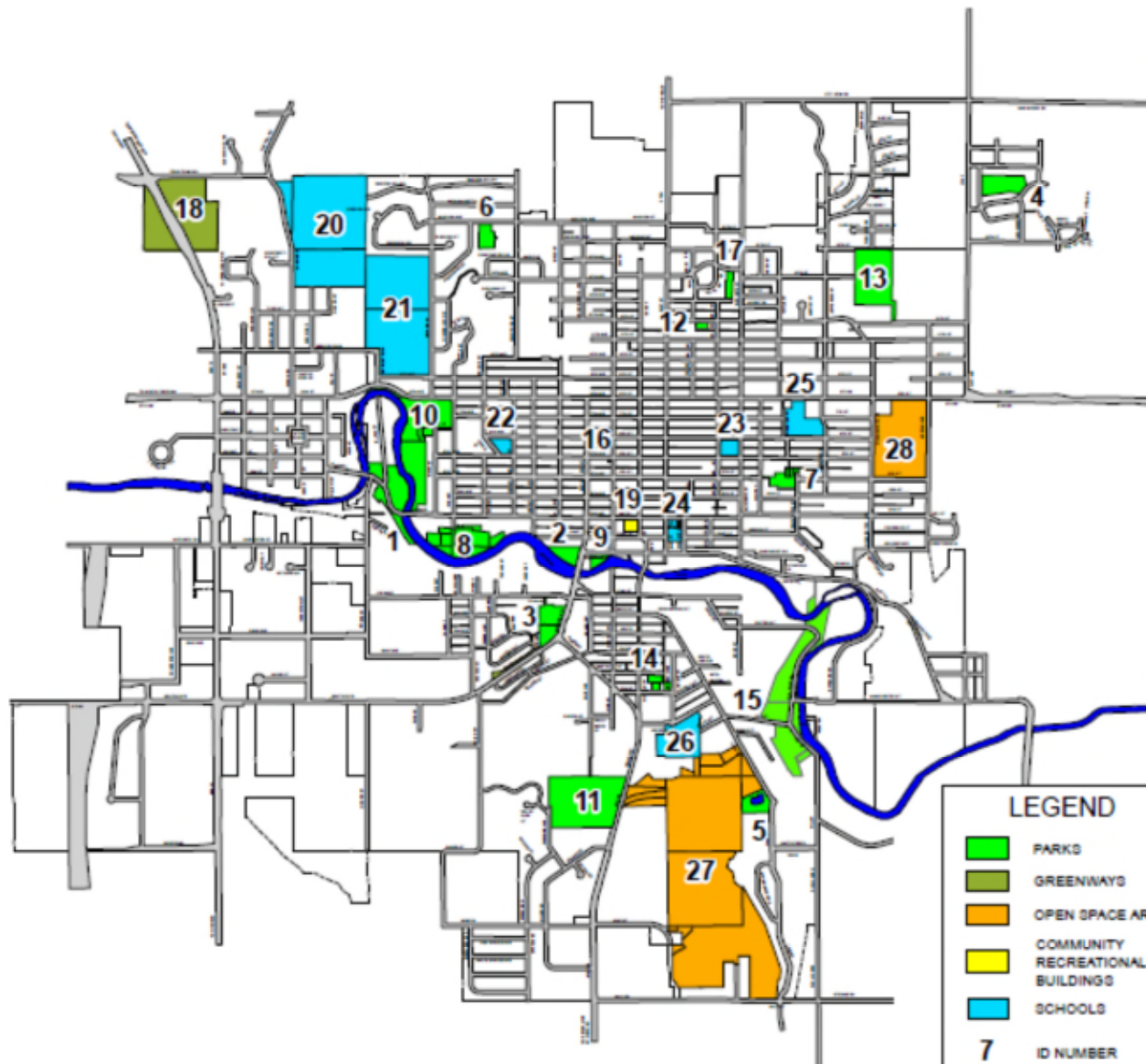
The Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan is intended to continue to evolve as the City’s population increases, new priorities are identified, funding is available and capital improvement projects are accomplished. While some of the projects identified may not be completed within the timeframe of this document, several projects contained may never be completed or may change in scope. Additionally, other projects and acquisitions will be completed that are not mentioned in this Plan, pending new funding, public needs or other community considerations. It is important to recognize that as any living document, this Plan is subject to changes and modifications, and is to be used only as a guide for community direction in future parks and recreational planning.

The Outdoor Recreation Plan shall be reviewed each year and updated as needed. The Parks and Recreation Commission will hold Public Hearings as necessary for the purpose of informing residents about any modifications or updates to this Plan.

Capital Improvement Summary

<i>Location</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>
Attridge Park	New picnic shelter/restrooms			x		
	Parking lot addition				x	
Campbell Park	New skatepark ramps		x			
	New wading pool patio area			x		
	New storage shed			x		
	New playground equipment					x
City View Park	ADA fishing pier			x		
	New restrooms			x		
Civic Center	Commercial kitchen renovations		x			
	New phone system			x		
Deppe Park	Dredge Pond			x		
Kiwanis Park	Oak Street overlook				x	
Langer Park	New playground equipment				x	
Mary Hoppe Park	New challenge playground equipment			x		
Mary Rountree Evans Park	Renovate bleacher area	x				
Maxwell-Potter Conservancy	New parking lot	x				
	Tree planting & interpretive signage	x				
	Canoe/kayak launch	x				
	Riverwalk extension & bridge		x			
	Arboretum phase 2 & bridge				x	
	New gazebo at arboretum				x	
Ochsner Park	New river otter exhibit (zoo)	x				
	Office/restroom renovations (zoo)	x				
	Expand parking (lower)			x		
	Replace perimeter fencing			x		
Pierce Park	Parking lot improvements					x
	New pavilion HVAC				x	
	Field 4/5 lighting					x
	Field 4/5 shelter/concessions					x
Ritzenthaler Park	Replace playground equipment				x	
Statz Park	Dugout replacement		x			
	Ballfield lighting					x
	New canoe/kayak launch					x
Steinhorst Park	New basketball court		x			
	New shelter & field #4 lighting					x
	Expand parking lot & new asphalt path				x	
Weber Park	Replace playground equipment					x
Attridge Park or Downtown Area	New splashpad				x	

CITY OF BARABOO PARK & OPEN SPACE MAP



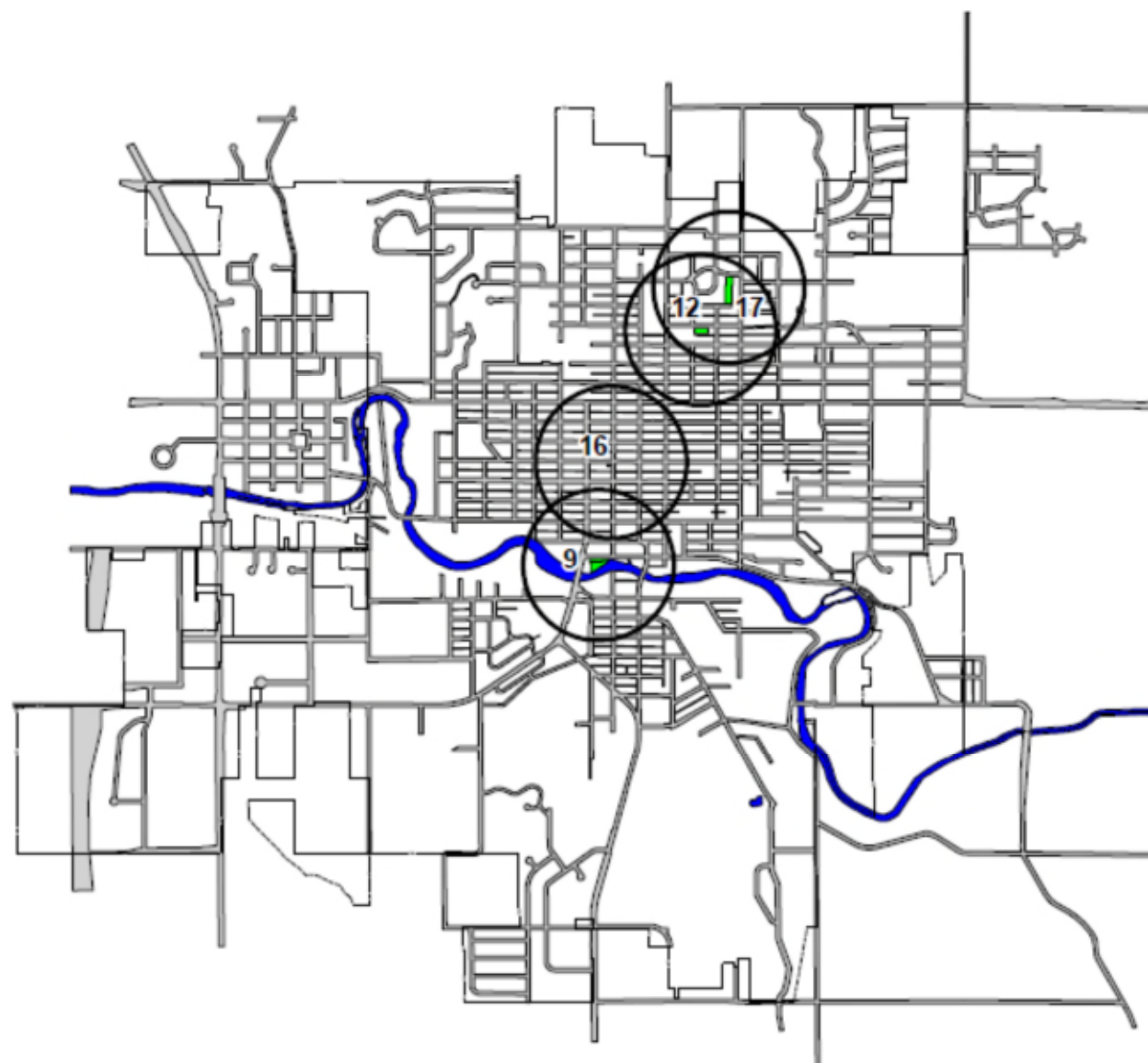
MAP KEY

NUMBER	NAME
1	ATTRIDGE PARK
2	STATZ PARK
3	CAMPBELL PARK
4	CITY VIEW PARK
5	DEPPE PARK
6	HOPPE FELTS PARK
7	LANGER PARK
8	MARY ROUNTREE PARK
9	KIWANIS PARK
10	OCHSNER PARK
11	PIERCE PARK
12	RITZENTHALER PARK
13	STEINHORST PARK
14	WEBER PARK
15	MAXWELL - POTTER CONSERVANCY
16	NANNY PARK
17	HACKETT HOLLOW CONSERVANCY
18	CITY FOREST
19	CIVIC CENTER
20	U.W. BARABOO
21	SENIOR HIGH - MIDDLE SCHOOL
22	WEST SCHOOL
23	ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL
24	ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
25	EAST SCHOOL
26	SOUTH SCHOOL
27	BARABOO COUNTRY CLUB
28	SAUK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

LEGEND

- PARKS
- GREENWAYS
- OPEN SPACE AREAS
- COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL BUILDINGS
- SCHOOLS
- 7** ID NUMBER

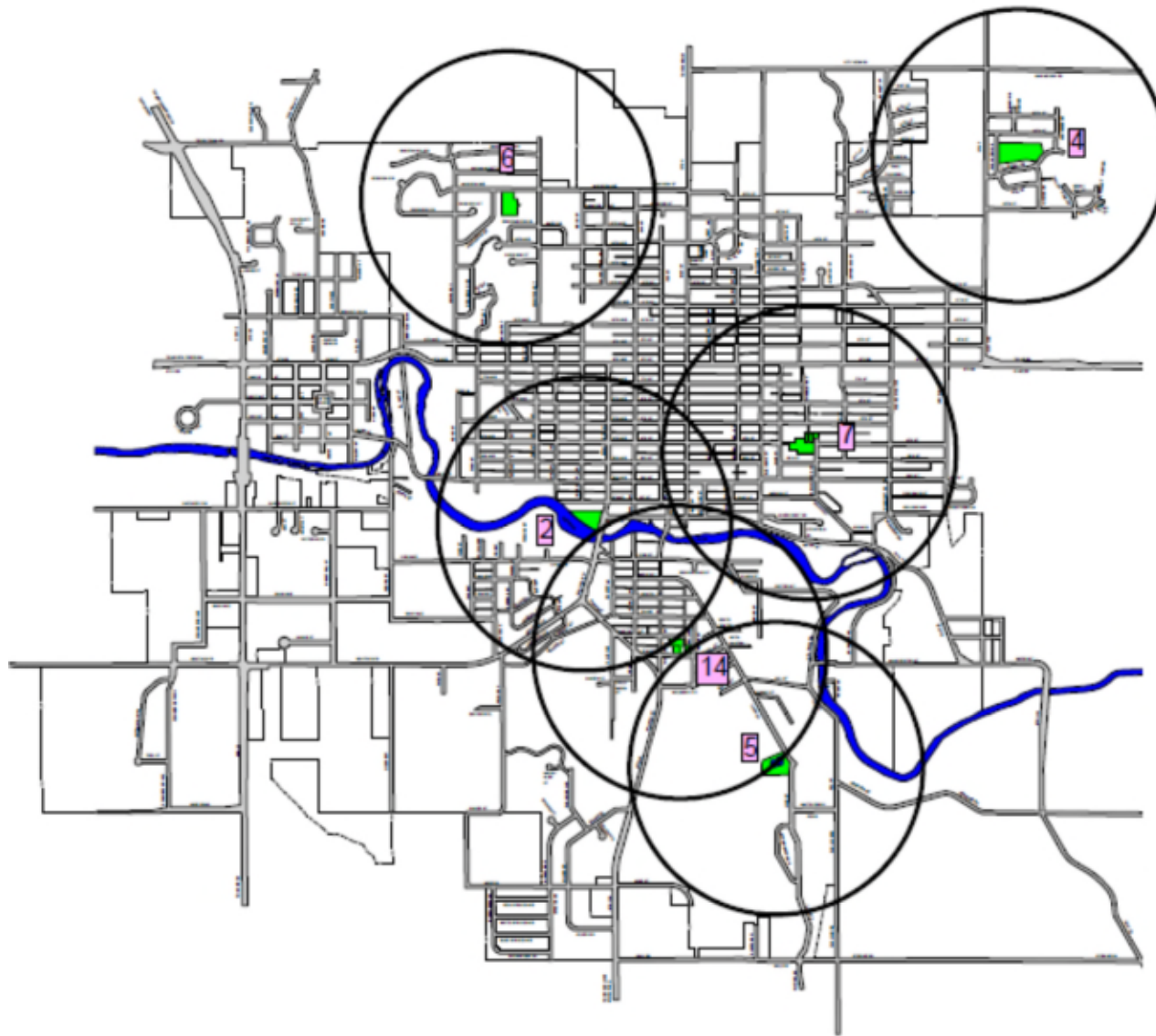
BARABOO MINI PARKS



LEGEND

- 9  KIWANIS PARK
- 12  RITZENTHALER PARK
- 16  NANNY PARK
- 17  HACKETT HOLLOW CONSERVANCY
-  QUARTER MILE RADIUS

BARABOO NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS



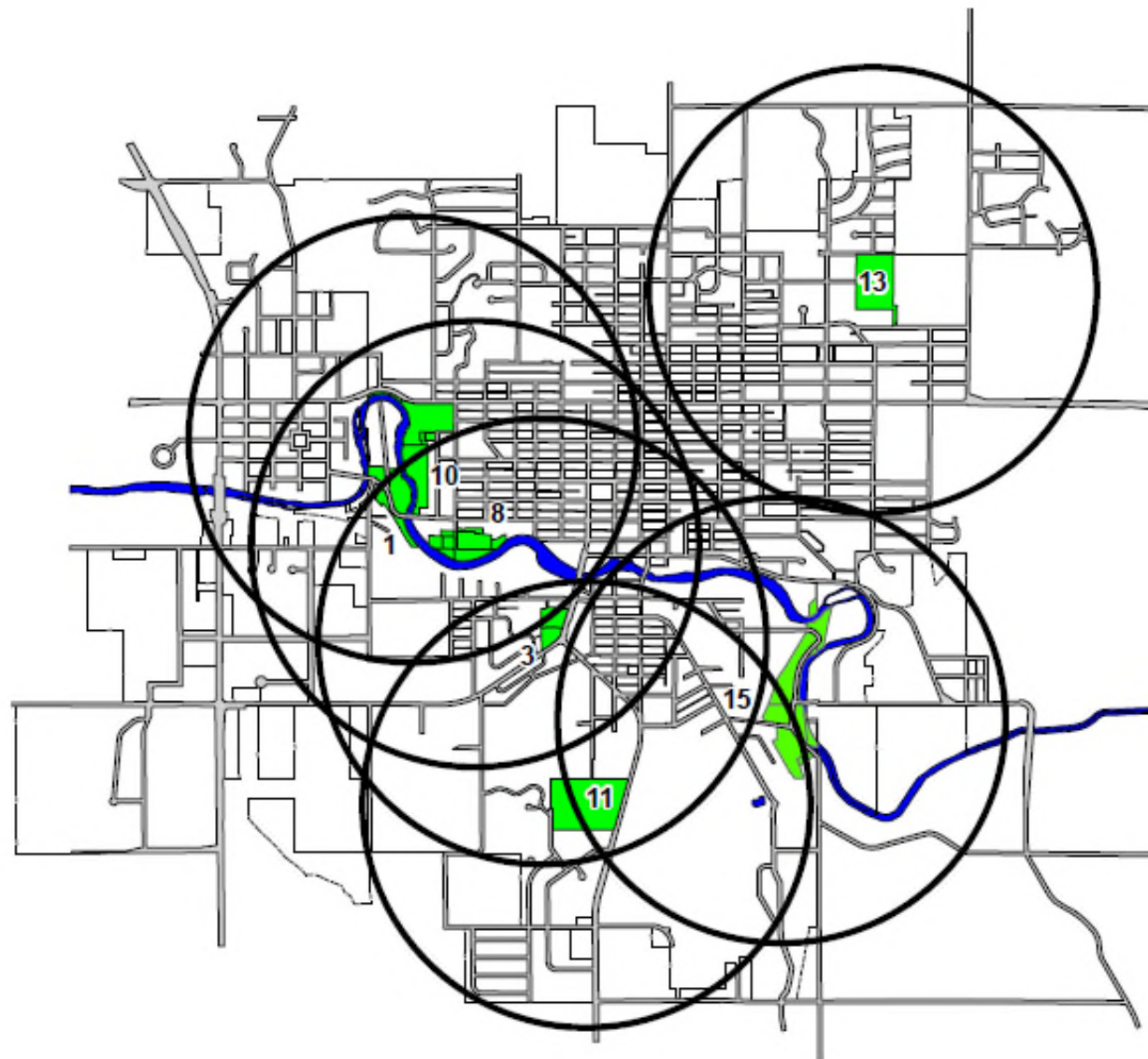
LEGEND

- 2 STATZ PARK
- 4 CITY VIEW PARK
- 5 DEPPE PARK
- 6 HOPPE FELTS PARK
- 7 LANGER PARK
- 14 WEBER PARK



HALF MILE RADIUS

BARABOO COMMUNITY PARKS

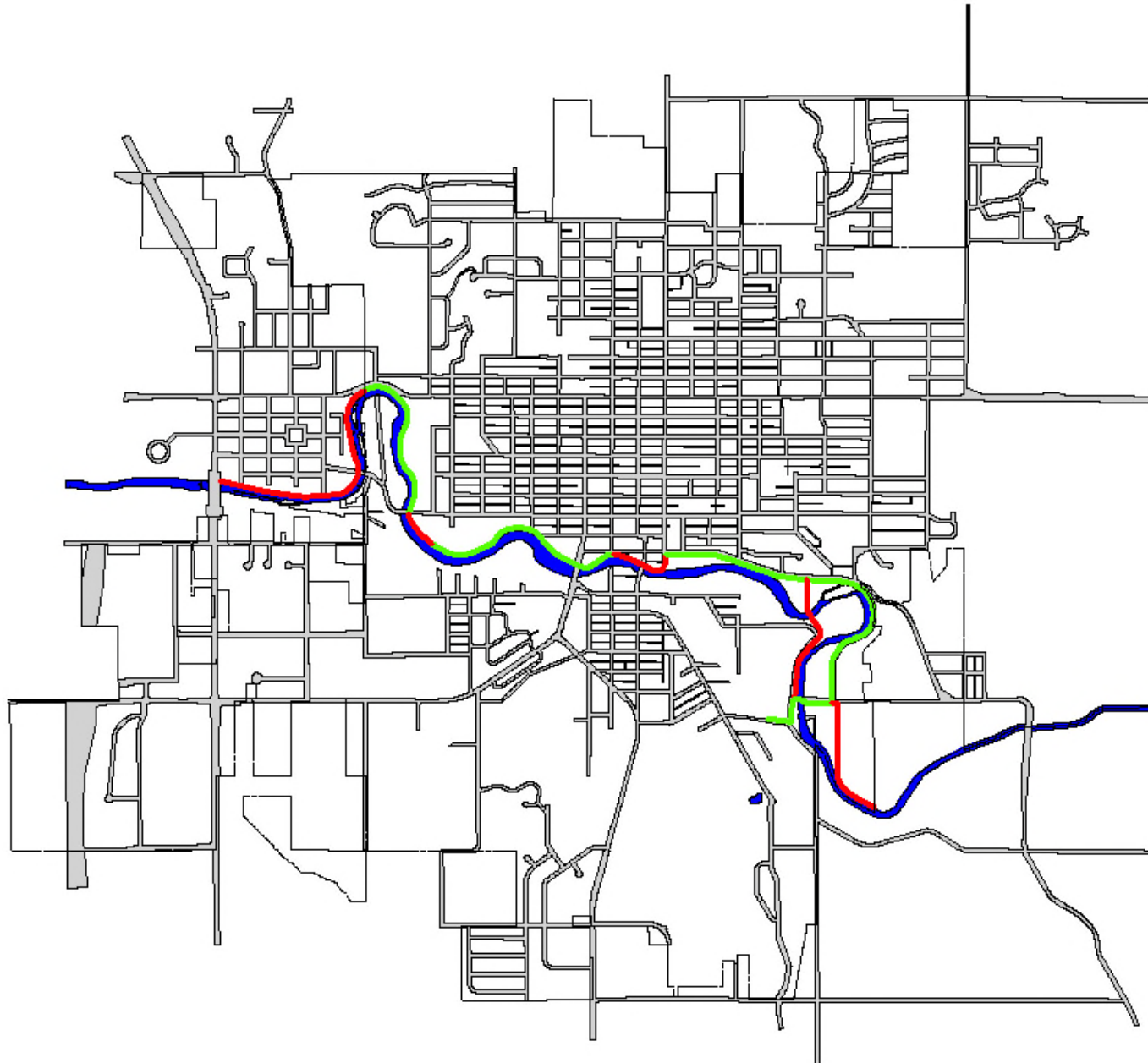


LEGEND

- 1 ATTRIDGE PARK
- 3 CAMPBELL PARK
- 8 MARY ROUNTREE PARK
- 10 OCHSNER PARK
- 11 PIERCE PARK
- 13 STEINHORST PARK
- 15 MAXWELL - POTTER CONSERVANCY



BARABOO RIVERWALK



LEGEND

- EXISTING RIVERWALK
- PROPOSED RIVERWALK

